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June 30, 1992

Mr. James Shafer Department of the Navy Northern Division 77-L Naval Facilities Engineering Command 19112-5094 Philadelphia, PA

Subject: Proposed Plan Site #8 Brunswick NAS

Dear Jim,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the Proposed Plan for Site #8 at Brunswick Naval Air Station and finds the plan adequate and with sufficient details for the public. The department does however request a change in the Proposed Plan to increase the thickness of the landfill cap from the proposed 6" of topsoil to 18" of 8 low permeability soil capped with 6" of topsoil. We believe this change is more protective of public health, safety and groundwater quality and in addition, complies with the intent of the Maine Solid Waste Management Regulations.

The two enclosed review memos from our technical staff outline the reasoning for our requested change. In general, the occurrence of leachate breakouts along the eastern edge of the site, PAH's in the soils, and DDT in leachate sediments suggest that the site contains waste in addition to normal construction and demolition debris. Chapter 404 of the Maine Solid Waste Management Regulations applies to only construction and demolition landfills. Chapter 401 of the regulations is more appropriate for this type of The FS for Site #8 (page 3-15, paragraph #2) landfill. states that " Standards for an attenuation landfill, which does not require an impermeability cover system may be the most relevant standards for consideration. . Chapter 401.7 (C) (2b) of the regulations contain the specifications for final cover for attenuation landfills. Dick Behr's memo suggests that the increased cost of this change is estimated at \$25,000 to 30,000.

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our requested change.				# of pages >		
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questions or wish to discuss this further. your call. Thank you for

Sincerely,

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